

# Elba Music Lovers Hold Meeting At Church

Mrs. Robert Holliman and Mrs. Cecil Prescott were hostesses to the Elba Music Lovers' Club that was held at the Elba First Baptist Church on Thursday, December 9th.

A delicious dessert plate was served to the members from a lovely decorated buffet in the social hall of the church.

The president, Mrs. George L. Collier, called

the meeting to order and presided over a short business session. A new member, Mrs. Jimmy Bryan, was welcomed into the club.

Mrs. Kimmy Ham, program chairman, presented the guests, Miss Mary Collier and Mrs. Robert Holliman to the club and announced the program for the afternoon.

An impressive devotion was given by Mrs.

Price Ringo. She used Luke 2 to tell the Christmas story and added several thoughts on "How to Keep Christmas."

Mr. Robert Holliman and Miss Mary Collier delighted the club with their beautiful songs from "The Messiah." Mr. Holliman sang "For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth," also, "The People That Walk in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light." Miss Collier sang the air for soprano, "Rejoices, Greatly."

Piano and organ duties were rendered by Mrs.

Terry Butts and Mrs. Paul King who put all in the Christmas Spirit by playing, "Variations on Christmas Carols," and "O, Holy Night."

After the club sang the hymn of the month, "Silent Night," the meeting was adjourned. Those present were Mrs. Thomas Abraham, Mrs. Jimmy Bryan, Miss Jeanette Garrett, Mrs. George L. Collier, Mrs. Price Ringo, Mrs. Nellie Martin, Mrs. Fox Brunson, Mrs. George Collier, Mrs. W. C. Braaswell, Mrs. Edwin Cooper, Mrs. Paul King, Mrs. Terry Butts, Mrs. Bill Hickman, Mrs. Jack Padgett, Mrs. Robert Davis, Mrs. Kimmy Ham, Mrs. Randy Griffin, the hostesses and the guests.

THE PEANUT IS FAST BECOMING A STAR. This is so, BECAUSE OF THE EFFORTS OF THE ALABAMA PEANUT PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION. THE PURPOSE, of course, IS TO GET MORE PEANUTS AND PEANUT PRODUCTS CONSUMED.

RESEARCH IS BEING DONE TO ENCOURAGE NEW USES FOR PEANUTS AND PEANUT PRODUCTS.

Producers are stressing the nutritional value and economy of peanuts and peanut products. This is done in many ways. Dozens of national magazines and newspapers have carried peanut related stories. Hundreds of food editors are kept up-to-date with recipes and peanut nutrition information.

It is believed that THE PEANUT PROMOTION, year after year, probably REACHES MORE HOME MAKERS THAN almost ANY OTHER COMMODITY GROUP. There is more to the story.

ALABAMA AND GEORGIA PEANUT GROWERS HAVE DEVELOPED ONE OF THE LARGEST NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS EVER TO INCREASE PEANUT BUTTER SALES, in cooperation with a major food company. Product displays, including posters of special peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are in thousands of super markets across the country. ALABAMA PEANUT PRODUCERS ARE WELL PLEASED WITH ALL OF THIS BECAUSE IT SELLS MORE PEANUT BUTTER. And, we should be especially happy in this area because we furnish the largest share, of peanuts that go into peanut butter in the United States.

All in all, it amounts to ONE OF THE MOST CONSISTENT, YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT PROMOTIONS OF ANY COMMODITY GROUP IN AMERICA TODAY. This is only part of the story, but IT'S ENOUGH FOR EVERY GROWER TO GIVE HIMSELF A PAT ON THE BACK.

ALABAMA PEANUT

PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

## GREETINGS

In the true spirit of the season, we wish you all the "old-fashioned" joys of the holidays... the ever-new delights of good friends around you, good times and good cheer, and the gladness of exchanging gifts and greetings.

And, in a spirit of sincere gratitude, we wish to extend our thanks for your favors and friendly good will

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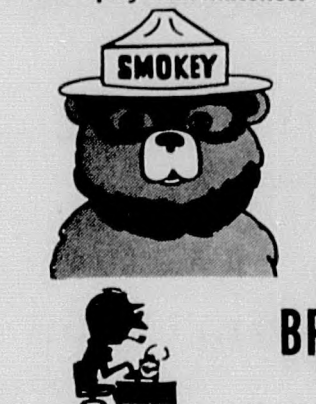
## CHRISTMAS FAMILY

The Elba family selected to serve as the "Elba Christmas Family" this year is the Charles P. Haves, III, family. The family appears to be looking forward to a traditional Christmas dinner in their home on Claxton Avenue. The family consists of Charles, Becky, Katrina, age 11; Phil, age 9; Cetina, age 4.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO.....

With a sparkle in her eye, Lori Sells, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Ed Sells, appears to be looking forward to a traditional Christmas dinner in their home on Claxton Avenue. The family consists of Charles, Becky, Katrina, age 11; Phil, age 9; Cetina, age 4.

Smokey's friends don't play with matches.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Fern Cox

## Merry Christmas

## Senator Sparkman Answers

## Questions From Readers

QUESTION: Will 1972 be as good economically as 1971?  
SPARKMAN: I have great confidence that 1972 will be a better year than 1971. If the Phase II policies are effective, and if there is the desired pick-up in investment and consumption—and if housing construction continues at its present relatively high level, then I think we can attain a rate of growth of 5 percent or possibly more. This will not restore full employment but it will be getting closer to full employment and increasing the chances of attaining it in 1973.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

Mr. J. F. Cox, Editor  
THE ELBA CLIPPER  
Elba, Alabama

Dear Mr. Cox:  
At this time of year we traditionally count our blessings and remember our friends. The wholehearted cooperation of you and your staff is a factor that cannot be considered lightly. Your usage of our informational material has been a significant factor in increased public understanding of social security. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you and your staff and wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.  
Sincerely yours,  
Ted A. Gamble  
District Manager

55 AD BUSINESS TIPS 55

## GET UP, MANAGER!

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Are you losing employees? Are your customers going to someone else? Are your profits falling? If the answer to these questions is "YES" you should be looking for the real reason this is happening. Many excuses are available to you such as: Young people you hire now are unstable; they're always looking for something better. Maybe you feel you are losing customers and profits because the economy is bad—because things are bad all over. All these things may

be true; and you may feel they are sufficient reasons and look no further. If you are genuinely concerned about the future of your business, however, you should ask yourself one question—"Could the manager of my business be partially responsible for the problems?"

Take a look at your relationship with your employees. Do you really know what they want out of their jobs? Most employees want more than money; they want satisfaction from a job. Are you giving them this satisfaction? Do you let them know you appreciate their work? If an employee works extremely late one night to complete a project for you, do you call him in the next day and thank him? You should! Employees want to be recognized for a job well done. Don't wait until you are displeased about something to talk to your employees.

What would you do if you had to send an employee out of town suddenly? Would you call his wife and apologize for sending him away? Would you even tell him you were sorry about the short notice? A little consideration for your employee and his family will weigh heavily when your employee considers his job satisfaction.

Talk with your employees. Find out what they want. Don't wait until they tell you they are leaving for something better—under your management, make your business the better place they're looking for.

You're losing customers; profits are down. Why? The economy is bad; everyone's profits are down. Sure, this is one reason, but it is the only reason? Why did your customer, John Doe, go around the corner

and buy from your competitor when he has bought from you for years? Why do you have no new customers? Examine the situation. Your prices are competitive; your location is good. Think about the last time John Doe was in. Did you really concern yourself with his interests last time or were you only concerned with making an immediate sale? You should inquire about the serious problems we face as a nation. We must help maintain the military strength of Western Europe as a barrier to aggression from Communist Russia.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, known as NATO, is one of the most substantial and most successful multinational organizations in which we have participated. Need for NATO came in the mid-1940s when Russia, having bookended the Western World into giving it control of all of Germany and all of Eastern Europe, tried to elbow its way into the rest of Europe. In order to protect war-wrecked nations and help them prosper, the United States helped organize NATO in 1949, and pledged to maintain a strong military force, including troops, ships and planes, under the control of a unified NATO command.

There is no question but

that our efforts and our sacrifices saved Western Europe then our participation in NATO today still holds the Russian Bear at bay behind the Iron Curtain. But our sacrifices have had the effect of helping to bring about the serious problems we face with our economy. We continue to bear a greater proportionate share of NATO costs while most of our European allies prosper.

We maintain more than 300,000 soldiers, sailors, and airmen in Europe and, in addition, our Atlantic Fleet with more than 200,000 men is readily available to assist European nations in their defense.

Only England and Portugal direct more than five percent of their gross national product for defense.

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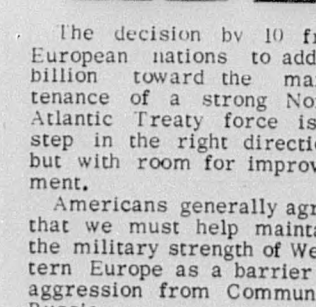
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There's no happier time than Christmas, because it's a time for sharing all the happiness we feel with those we care about most. That's why we'd like to share our joy with you, wishing you a Merry Christmas and saying "Thank You."

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## NATO NATIONS TAKE STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION BY ASSUMING GREATER COSTS OF DEFENSE

Senator Jim Allen



The decision by 10 free European nations to add \$1 billion toward the maintenance of a strong North Atlantic Treaty force is a step in the right direction, but with room for improvement. Americans generally agree that we must help maintain the military strength of Western Europe as a barrier to aggression from Communist Russia.

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## In Holiday Mood, Carols Tell Story of Reverence and Joy

"O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!"

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!"

"Adagio Fideles" or "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night" or "White Christmas"—across the years, hymns, carols and songs have been marking the way of expressing the joy of Christmas.

From simple, melodious sing in the family circle to the majesty of Handel's oratorio "The Messiah," music and song seem to be the natural way to celebrate Christmas.

Singing First Carol Singing of the first Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi and his fol-

lowers, in the 13th century. St. Francis arranged a Nativity scene and led the singing of songs of praise to the Christ Child.

English people sang of the holly and the ivy and the wassail bowl. More religious in theme were the English songs traditionally sung before the Christmas Eve service.

In Germany, France and Belgium, the visit of the Magi was a popular theme for carols. Other carols told stories from the Bible or legends from nature.

## Luther Led Way

From the 15th to the 18th century, Christmas music found a particularly eager audience in Germany. Martin Luther, who believed music was a form of worship, helped to encourage the composition and performance of Christmas hymns.

Luther himself wrote the words for "Away in a Manger," and the music for "Unto Us a Boy is Born" and "Good News from Heaven." Grouped into a choir, his children sang these songs.

Christmas Outlawed The joyous songs of Christmas fell upon hard times in 17th century England. An act of Parliament, in 1644, forbade the observance of Christmas as a feast day.

Long after the custom of Christmas was revived, the art of carol singing languished.

A happy change occurred when, in 1719, Dr. Isaac Watts wrote and introduced to his congregation the carol, "Joy to the World." This was the forerunner of modern Christmas carols.

For Concert Halls Christmas music for the concert halls began to be created after the Reformation.

Italy introduced the Christmas concerto, during the 17th and 18th centuries. Corelli's "Christmas Concerto" is perhaps the best known of this kind of Christmas music.

In Puritan England, the oratorio became a popular form of music, thought to represent the righteousness in man. Handel's "Messiah" was performed and admired for this expression of pious sentiment, with little consideration for its relationship to the story of the Nativity.

It was not until about 1900 that "The Messiah" began to be performed primarily at Christmas time.

In America the composition of carols began to flourish during the 1800s, and three favorite carols sung today are from that period.

It came upon a Midnight Clear, one of the earliest American carols, was written by the Rev. Edmund H. Sears (1819-1878) as a poem. It was later set to music.

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" was first published in 1859. The Rev. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., wrote both the words and the music.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Bishop Phillips Brooks in 1868, as an expression of his feelings after a visit to Bethlehem.

Music for the carol has been attributed to Lewis H. Redner, an American organist, and also to a tune from early English hymnals.

Hanging mistletoe in the home is a tradition originated with Druid priests. These ancients believed the plant was a sign of peace and hope.

What's for dessert? At Christmas, the traditional answer to this question in England, the United States and Canada is, "Mince pie and plum pudding."

One legend says that it brings good luck to eat mince pie on Christmas day.

In earlier times, mince pies were baked in an oblong shape meant to represent the manger.

Plum pudding, too, has its legend of luck, but here the good luck comes in the making of the pudding. Every member of the family must stir the pudding while it's being made. Good fortune is desired, says an old English tradition.

Fruit cake is one of many specially-baked cakes that are part of the food-and-festivity customs of Christmas. These are said to bring good fortune and good health.

Rich, elaborate cookies and special breads add to the flavor of the holiday season.

CROWNED FOR YULE English folk festivals of the Middle Ages crowned a "Lord of Mistletoe" who directed the holiday celebrations.

Legends Honor St. Nicholas He's the patron saint of pawnbrokers. He watches over mariners. Since the fourth century, he has been remembered for his generosity.

Many of the legends linked with St. Nicholas, real-life ancestor of today's Santa Claus. But his most enduring connection is with youth and gifts. In Europe, his feast day, December 6th, has traditionally been an occasion for merriment and gift-giving.

Warding Off Witches Led to Candy Canes One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with an old superstition during the Middle Ages. Europeans of that period carried glass canes filled with colored candy to distract evil witches.

LOG BURNING Fireplaces today, though smaller than those of yesteryear, symbolize at Christmas the age old custom of burning the log.

The Yule Log was adapted to Holiday celebrations from the Scandinavian practice of building huge bonfires at the winter solstice. Fire represented the spring sun, soon to return.

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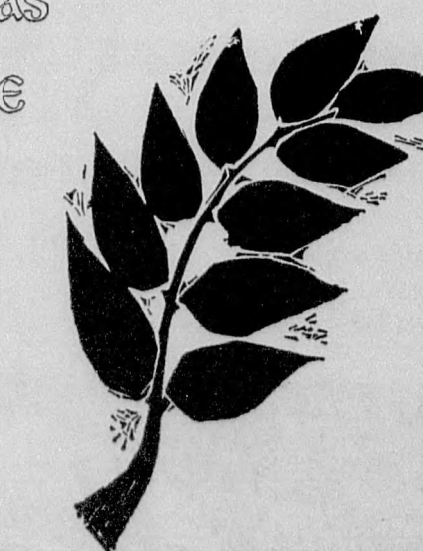
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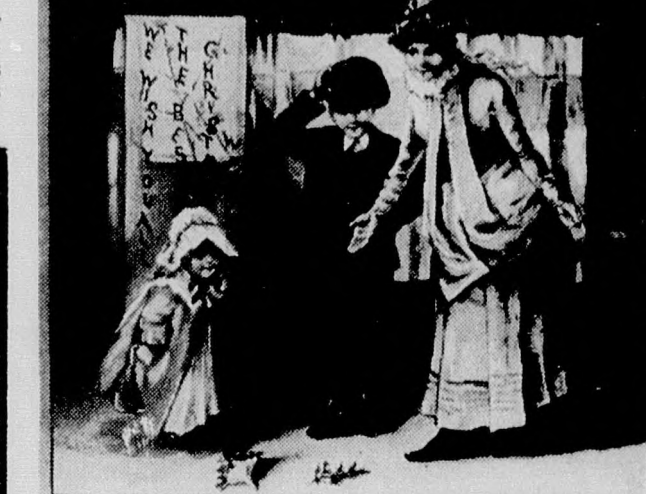
## Women Rule Christmas 1885

A picture of a beautiful woman on a current Christmas card would seem inappropriate to many. But feminine beauty enjoyed great popularity in Christmas cards during the late 1880's.

Until 1880, children and elderly women were most often pictured. Or, if adult young women did appear, they were shown as "tenders of the hearth," with their husbands, children or pets. Later, classic Greek and Roman female figures were used to convey ideals of feeling and beauty.

Artists of the Royal Academy in London began the new fashion for using contemporary women in their Christmas card illustrations in 1881. One of the earliest of these was designed by W. F. Yeames and showed a richly-gowned young woman asleep in a chair, with winged cupids in a golden cage.

In 1885, fashion figures of elegant women were a typical subject of Christmas cards. An example is a Louis Franks card from the Norcross Historical Collection.



APPEALING FAMILY GROUP IS SUBJECT OF THE 1885 Louis Franks Christmas card shown here. Illustration of the mother nursing her child, with the father and two young women, this card is from the Norcross Historical Collection.

## Season's 'Firsts' Are Traced

Shepherds watched, angels sang and wise men traveled far to behold the miracle of the first Christmas.

Since that holy night a multitude of legends and customs, both religious and secular, have developed as part of the holiday. Each legend was once told, each custom once observed for the first time, and though origins of many traditions are now lost in time, other Christmas "firsts" have been recorded for posterity.

There are historical Christmas "firsts," attested by church records, and by scientific research into the early years of Christianity, as well as "firsts" of later history and "firsts" that blend fact with myth.

**Setting the Date**

December 25 was first assigned as the date for the celebration of the Nativity in about the year 300 A.D. Since the New Testament was written as religious instruction rather than history, the exact date of Christ's birth is not known.

## Santa Claus Has Origins In America

Hear them? They're sleigh bells — and we all know what that means! Santa's here, and with him arrives one of the oldest, happiest, and best loved traditions of the Christmas season.

Today, of course, it just wouldn't be Christmas without Santa Claus, but it is interesting to ponder just where the jolly old gent got his start, and it might be surprising to learn that it wasn't really the North Pole.

The name Santa Claus, itself, is an American derivation of the name St. Nicholas, an early fourth century bishop in Asia Minor, according to the editors of the Encyclopedia International.

Santa was first brought to this country by the early Dutch settlers, who called him Sinterklaas. These Dutch burghers portrayed him as a merry old man, sometimes even with a wife they called Molly Grotje.

Santa also looked a little different then, and he wore a wide-brimmed black hat, short Dutch breeches, and smoked a long clay pipe.

Later, the British brought their own Father Christmas to America — a happy, roly-poly Falstaffian figure.

Inevitably, Sinterklaas and Father Christmas became one. Add to this the Norwegian's Kris Kringle, with his sleigh and reindeer, and the picture is nearly complete.

It was finally the task of American artists and writers to create an image of Santa Claus such as we know today. Washington Irving, among others, contributed to the concept of Santa as a jolly holiday figure, while Clement Moore, in his famous "Visit from St. Nicholas" ("Twas the Night Before Christmas"), added to the concept.

However, the notion of Santa Claus which really captured the imagination of young and old alike was drawn by the American cartoonist Thomas Nast in 1863.

Yes, that's Santa all right, with his fur-trimmed suit, shiny black boots and long white beard. Just the way we've always known him — or so it seems.

## Good Tidings

Let the eternal light of love, the symbol of His birth, shine into every heart, bringing peace to all.

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The model for his successful illustration was his wife, and the inscription read, in part: "Thy own wish which I have in every place."

Later Christmas cards depicted women as fashion plates, sportswomen, cyclists and, in general, growing participants in the life of their times.

## Feast of Stephen ...

"Good King Wenceslas" looked out on the feast of Christmas. When he was permitted to see the Star, he left Herod to serve the Child.

Today the "Feast of Stephen" is remembered primarily because of the carol, "Good King Wenceslas." His day is now more commonly observed, especially in England and Canada, as Boxing Day, when presents are given to servants and others who have rendered St. Stephen was the first services throughout the year.



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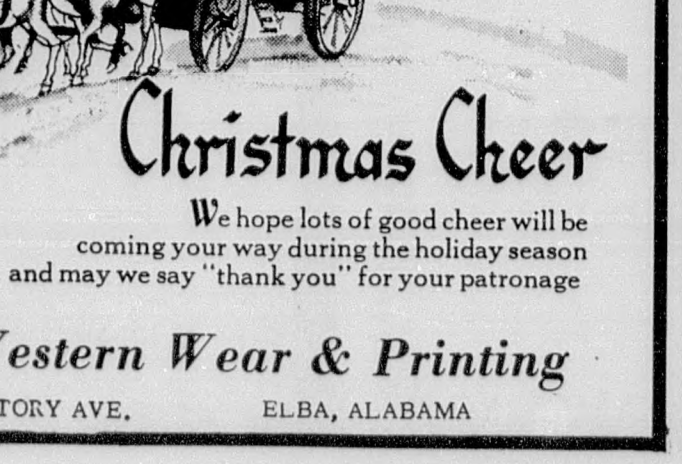
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By Tom Casaday, County Extension Chairman

**REAL ESTATE VALUE**

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**FARMERS TAX GUIDE**

We have the 1972 edition of the "Farmers Tax Guide." This guide is prepared by the Internal Revenue Service, and a lot of Coffee County farmers use this each year. We are mailing copies to some of those who have requested them in the past. We will also keep some on hand at the office for distribution. If you would like to have a copy of this, get in touch with us.

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**RECYCLING LEFTOVERS**

Recycling is a word that has been used a lot recently. One leftover you must recycle is your turkey. Turkey is one of the big dinner. You will have turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes and all the trimmings. Use it within three hours after the meal. When preparing it, be sure you have plenty for another meal, reheated. Turn remaining meat into chicken salad, or a chunky turkey salad, during the holidays? If you have extra canned, left over, unopened sweet potatoes, plan on them as casseroles and other way to serve them. Cream, cheese, serve all. One quick and delicious cheese unchilled to help way is to mash them and bring out its distinctive flavor and texture. Keep all cheese of using all leftovers for 20 minutes to one hour every meal throughout the before serving.

Use just one or two leftovers for each meal. A holiday centerpiece each menu. If you serve that lends a festive touch turkey again, plan a vegetable table and buffet can also be used to make it. Let's have a happy holiday season with more fun to taste, season without any gun accidents.

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**REAL ESTATE VALUE**

Folks have always said, "What goes up must come down." Farm land values have defied this for a long time. In fact, it has been since Alabama had a year of declining farm land values. Since then, there has been a continuous increase.

Value of Alabama farm land in March, 1971, averaged \$212 per acre. This is exactly double the \$106 average in 1963 in just eight years. Previous to that, it took 12 years, 1951 to 1963, for the average price to double.

From 1965 to 1970 Alabama farm land values increased 46% as compared with 32% for the other states. However, Georgia lead all of the states with a 73% raise in value.

I am quite sure that the percentage increase would be even greater in Coffee County than what is shown for Alabama.

**TIMBER MANAGEMENT**

Lots of Coffee County landowners would like to improve their stands of pine timber. There are thousands of acres that have one - fourth to one - third a stand of good pine timber. The big problem facing many of our Coffee County landowners is getting a good stand at a low price.

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**NEW BULLETIN**

We have just received a very excellent bulletin entitled "Better Lawns."

**FARMERS TAX GUIDE**

We have the 1972 edition of the "Farmers Tax Guide." This guide is prepared by the Internal Revenue Service, and a lot of Coffee County farmers use this each year. We are mailing copies to some of those who have requested them in the past. We will also keep some on hand at the office for distribution. If you would like to have a copy of this, get in touch with us.

**SAFETY**

There is a good possibility that Santa Claus will be leaving shotgun and rifle with boys throughout the area. I know that Santa Claus is planning to bring some of these presents to the members of the Coffee County 4-H Club. The big problem facing many of our Coffee County landowners is getting a good stand at a low price.

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## More Letters To Santa!

Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a school house, a tent, a dog, some cake mixes, some boots, white, a ball and jacks, a doll house, some clothes for Angel Baby doll. Also some things to make pictures with.

And for Jim please bring a farm set, a tool set, some building blocks and other things for surprises. For Jim and Cara to-

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guide your sleight Christmas Eve? I have been pretty good boy this past year. I want you to bring me a? Chemistry Set, Tape Recorder, Power Mite, Tool Set, 7th Cavalryman's Soldier Outfit, Battleship game and bring me lots of surprises. Thank you, Cara and Jim English.

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Please bring me a new basketball goal and basketball. My old one's are all right but I would like new ones.

Bring me lots of surprises and Mama and daddy something special. Love so dearly Erwin so dearly Rt. 1 Box 40-e Elba, Alabama

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old I live on a farm. My name is Elbert. I help my family do the chores. Please bring me a 22 pellet gun, a watch a fat track a bow and arrow. I want a football suit. I want a football game.

I'm going to see you. I am making my grades. They are B-A B-B A-B. They are good to me. You will like them. Love Elbert.

S.S. Please send my friend in College a new English Teacher.

**CHOOSING TOYS**  
Toys are toys where the young are concerned, says one leading manufacturer. The time to begin selecting masculine things for boys and feminine ones for girls begins when the child reaches the age of six.

A sure way to determine a child's preference in toys is to watch his reaction. It will be to see which type of toy he likes best.

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**Merry Christmas**

Have a happy holiday.

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## Yuletide Spirit Stays All Year

Nearly every community has its special way of observing Christmas — and in some towns and cities, the spirit of Christmas prevails literally the year around.

In Waterbury, Conn., an all-year reminder of the first Noel is the re-creation of the town of Bethlehem on nearby Pine Hill.

This non-sectarian "Bethlehem" was constructed to scale after research and study of photos showing the Biblical country. The cave or manger where Christ was born, inns like the one where there was no room, and the Roman legion where the tax collection occurred by Augustus Caesar were to be paid among the buildings represented.

"Poetic license" has been used to include some buildings which were not, or may not have been, located in Bethlehem, such as "David's Home" and Herod's Grand Palace.

Crowned by a Cross, Pine Hill has proved an ideal location for the project, since its shape is similar to the limestone cliff where Bethlehem in Judea was built.

**Other "Bethlehems"**  
Well-known "Bethlehems" in the United States include Bethlehem, Pa., and Bethlehem, Ind. The Pennsylvania Bethlehem emphasizes the religious meaning of Christmas during its annual celebration. A star erected on a nearby mountain top is lighted throughout the holiday season.

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The fire had been going several days. Tonight it would die. Christopher Anderson washed up on a small atoll. With low tides, he made his way across a series of reefs until he found the largest island in the chain. It was not a big place, but it did afford fresh water, some edible plants, and a shallow lagoon where fish could be caught.

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Came the tenth day, and Christopher's feet were quite itchy. But all he could do was scratch. He began to think about, to hope for, even to pray for, the sight of a ship in the distance. He scoured the island and the surrounding reefs, picking up every shred of flotsam he could find. He placed it in the center of the highest point of the atoll. One packet of matches, which he had kept in his pocket, in a watertight container, had survived with him. So he had a fire.

After thoroughly drying in the sun each fragment of paper in his wallet, Christopher managed to get a fire going just as darkness began to settle over the islands — on his twelfth day.

One thing Christopher Anderson had learned was that he could not completely abandon hope. Christopher had saved one thing from his wallet. A calendar. Each morning he punched a hole in the paper. This morning he had made his last mark. He had punched a hole through December 31st. The fire had been going several days. Tonight it would die. Christopher had scoured far and wide, but could find nothing else to burn.

So it was that on this very black night, the moon hidden by low-hanging clouds, Christopher Anderson welcomed the New Year by watching his fire turn into glowing embers.

Other people were doing things. Some welcomed the New Year with parties and celebrations. Some relaxed before the warmth of an open fireplace.

John Whalen, first mate on an Australian tanker, leaned idly on the port rail staring out across the sea. For just a moment, he thought he saw a glow of light in the distance. "Can't be, John old boy," he said to himself. "That's red-land out there. Time for you to get some sleep. Tomorrow is another day."

He tossed a cigarette overboard and started toward the galley. A cup of coffee would surely taste fine before bed time.

Tomorrow was another year. John Whalen, like most people, hoped the New Year would be kind to him. But he doubted one day could make much difference one way or another.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR**  
In ancient China, the observance of the New Year lasted not a day, but a week. Festivities began on the first day of the moon and were climaxed two weeks later by "Teng Chien," the Feast of Lanterns.

Colored lights outline the buildings of the Country Club Plaza district in Kansas City, Mo., at Christmas time.

Delver, Colo., illuminates the Civic Center during the holidays with many thousands of lights.

Beautiful lighting displays for Christmas are famous in many U.S. cities.

In Altavaca, a suburb of Arizona, Florida and Kentucky actually have towns named "Christmas." Then there are "Christmas Cove, Me.; Nazareth, Pa.; Bright Star, Holy Tree Lane" at the holiday season. The depots are illuminated by thousands of multi-colored bulbs for the annual spectacle.

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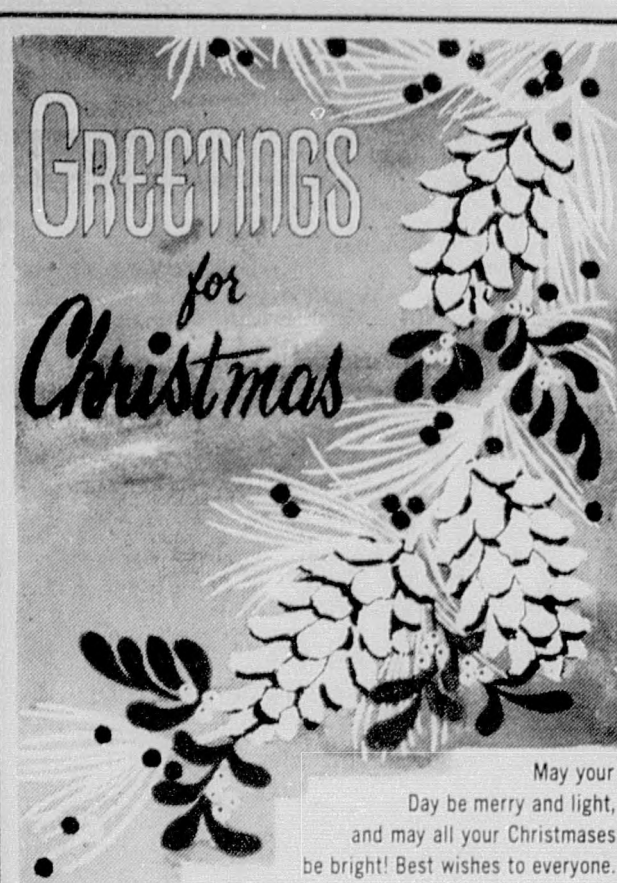
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Traditions

Many of today's Christmas traditions began somewhere in the dim past, but the practice of exchanging greeting cards is just a little over a century old.

In 1848 William Maw Egley, a "starving" young English artist, came up with the idea

of designing a Christmas card and reproducing it on pieces of pasteboard for the public to buy.

Egley's card showed a family Christmas dinner, formal giving, a Punch and Judy show and other aspects of a celebration resembling the one in Charles Dickens' "The Christmas Carol," published a few years previously. Unfortunately, Egley's friends were not enthusiastic about his idea.

New Year's Apology  
The "daddy" of all holiday cards was designed and etched in 1812 by J. A. Boerner,

a young Londoner, who wanted to apologize to friends for his failure to pay a New Year's Day visit. Mr. Boerner's card made it clear he was tied to his home by depicting him with his coat caught in the locked doorway of his house.

In 1843, Sir Henry Cole, a busy English "missionary" of sorts, introduced the idea of sending out little missives at Christmas. John Calcott Horsley of the Royal Academy was chosen for his campaign, against nude art, designed the cards and Sir Henry sent out 1000 to friends.

It wasn't until the early 1880's that cards were issued for general distribution by a large English publisher, company.

Christmas cards were introduced into the United States by the Marcus Card Company of London. They became popular immediately, and in 1874 Louis Prang, a German immigrant, started a Christmas card business at Roxbury, Mass.

Custom Lost Fashion  
At the turn of the century, he ceased publishing rather than compete with imports flooding the market. For the next decade or so the custom of exchanging cards fell out of fashion.

Only after World War One did American manufacturers begin to achieve success in the card business. Then inexpensive printing and lithographing processes brought Christmas cards within everyone's reach.

SAINT NICK'S FRIEND  
Practically everyone knows that jolly old St. Nick was a real-life bishop in ancient Turkey, the original Santa Claus who liked to distribute anonymous gifts. Yet it is not so well known that he was also the patron saint of pickpockets, robbers, and pirates.

This oddity came about when St. Nicholas came to persuade a robber band to return stolen treasure. Pirates looked to St. Nick for accurate tips on the weather, even those his supposed likeness on lines of their ships. In later years, sailors in France were particularly referred to as the "Knights of St. Nicholas."

St. Nicholas was apparently very wealthy and exceedingly generous. The best-known gift giving tale concerning this first Santa Claus — bags of gold secretly thrown into a house to provide three luckless daughters with dowries — is today symbolized by the sign of the pawnbroker — three gold balls.

The good bishop supposedly possessed miraculous powers.

The Meaning of Christmas  
Throughout the Christian world, Christmas is THE holiday, universally celebrated, universally recognized.

Probably no library in the world could house the volume of material that is written about this great holiday in a single season.

Because so much has been written — and will again be written this holiday season — we must consider it remarkable that the story of the Nativity has continued a simple and unadorned narrative — "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son."

Traditions and customs are subject to the changing times. Yet, amid the laughter and festivities, whatever cards are sent, however gifts are exchanged, there remains forever unaffected the simple story of the birth at Bethlehem. This is the story of Christmas — an event which took place nearly 2,000 years ago — the birth of a Redeemer and the promise of eternal salvation.

Through centuries of translation, of telling and re-telling, the meaning of Christmas remains simple and universal. Christmas is the birthright of every man.

SAFEKEEPING  
Keep the holidays joyful by keeping alert to possible dangers. If candles or open fires are lit, rejoice in their brilliance, but guard against accidents. If days are packed full and you hurry from one event to another, or party to party—drive with extra care. If children help with cookies, remember they don't handle hot pans with the ease that you do. The same is true about sharp knives. May your days be merry, bright and safe!

TRIM CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST EARLY  
Around Thanksgiving time write a note to those friends you'd like to take off the gift list. Tell them you are thankful for friends with whom you can be perfectly frank. Tell them that this year along with trimming your tree you are trimming your gift list and sending cards instead. You can be sure they'll appreciate your sensible and practical attitude and will reciprocate accordingly.



IT'S FUN... Making stockings for the family mantle is a fun chore for the treasure who likes to sew. Bright, red stockings can be cut from a do-it-yourself pattern, names hand-lettered in gold or bright yellow thread.

While on a voyage to the Holy Land, he collected the waters of the sea to save a drowning sailor.

Sailors and pirates adopted him as their patron saint. Pirates even stole some of his relics from a Turkish church and took them to Bari, Italy, where a church was built for him in 1487.

Born in southern Turkey, of wealthy Greek parents, Nicholas joined the church and became bishop of Myra. It is said that he went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was there imprisoned by Emperor Diocletian for his faith. Later released by the Christian Emperor Constantine, he returned to Myra, where he died on December 6, 342.

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Simple Centerpiece

Use a piece of heavy white paper to form a cone shape and tape in place.

With all purpose white glue, attach cotton balls all over the cone. Decorate with glitter and small ornaments. This makes a clever tree centerpiece.

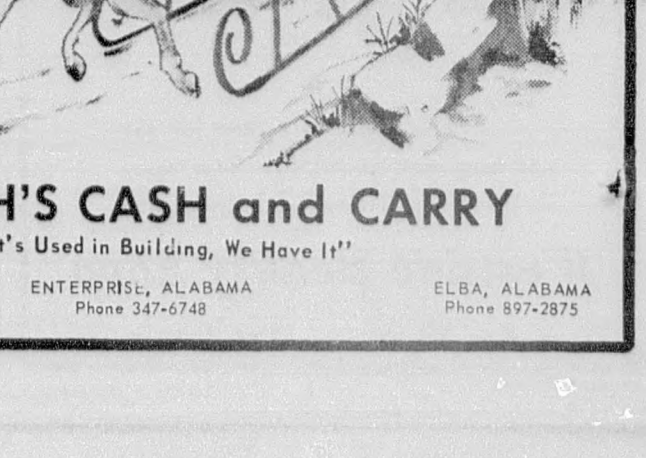
Another idea using the same type cone: Make as above, but in white to fit over a large wide-mouth jar and tape the top section to the lid. Fill jar with your favorite cookies and tape bottom of the cone "tree" to the jar. Attach cotton balls and decorate for a delightful gift package.

Legends Honor  
St. Nicholas

He's the patron saint of pawnbrokers. He watches over mariners. Since the fourth century, he has been remembered for his generosity.

Many of the legends linked with St. Nicholas, the real-life ancestor of today's Santa Claus.

But his most enduring connection is with youth and gifts. In Europe, his feast day, December 6th, has traditionally been an occasion for merriment and gift-giving.



## Peace On Earth

Peace is not an illusion, an unattainable, centuries-old dream of mankind. Peace and joy exist as surely as love and compassion live within the hearts of men of good will. War, prejudice, oppression and evil, these are as old as the history of the world. They feed upon greed and ignorance; they persist because some of us are too weak or too indifferent to care about what happens to our fellow man. But there is peace in this world. There is peace and joy in the character of men and women who pursue that goodness of life which elevates mankind above the level of the primitive animals with which he shares this planet. Love, compassion—and faith—these are the God-given gifts that make mankind stand tall among his earthly contemporaries.

Because God so loved the world, and with compassion for the sins of mankind, God gave forth His only Son, to live upon earth a life of highest example. The life of Christ was lived in a spirit of love and compassion, and was faithfully dedicated to the will of God.

Because the Holy Child was born at Bethlehem, and so lived among God's people, every man can find an open door to peace and contentment, in this world and in the next. Because Christ came, the Christmas comes once each year to fill our hearts and our minds with inspiration and with hope.

This Christmas, let love, compassion, and faith guide you to a meaningful awareness of the spirit of Christmas.





## Visual Aid Given To School Given

The New Brockton Elementary School "Project Head-Start" received help from the Army recently, when doctors from the Aeromedical Research Laboratory (USARL), Ft. Rucker, held an eye clinic at the school.

Major (Dr.) John K. Crosley, a native of Morehead, Ky., chief of Physiological Optics, U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, Ft. Rucker, Ala., checks the eyes of Dennis Boutwell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. K.C. Boutwell of New Brockton, Ala. Dennis is one of the 60 children in the New Brockton "Project Head-Start" who recently received eye examinations from Army doctors, who held an eye clinic for the New Brockton Elementary School.



The one-day clinic was held for the benefit of the 60 children in the "Project Head-Start" program at New Brockton. Each child received a complete eye examination.

"One thing we check is their visual acuity," remarked Maj. Crosley. "That is, their near and far vision."

"Questioned about the purpose of the check-up, Maj. Crosley replied, "A

## New Brockton 4-H Club Holds Meeting

The sixth grade boys of New Brockton Elementary School held their December meeting Dec. 7, 1971. The meeting was called to order by the president, Tommy Adams. The song leaders led in two songs.

Wendall Jones then led in the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag and the 4-H Flag. Then the secretary, Brad Carter, called the roll and read the minutes.

The program was on keeping record books and project information.

for rough refractory errors," said Maj. Braum. "Such things as astigmatism of astigmatism (crossed-eyes) are defects which we can correct if we can find them in time."

Once the visual defects of a child have been found, his parents are notified, and steps taken to correct the problem.

"Project Head-Start" is designed to give children a preparation in reading and writing for school. The children are ages four to five.

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A program on Project record books was given by the president, D. Dean. The meeting was then adjourned.

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Drivers Have Obligation To Do Best

Colonel Walter L. Allen, Director of the Department of Public Safety, stated that Christmas holidays are fast approaching. Therefore, it is needless to remind you of the bad wrecks and bloodshed that has come to be associated with this holiday period. We all have a moral obligation to do our best as a driver, and to protect ourselves and others from the usual tragedies that so often occur at Christmastime.

The Director also said, "Let's refuse to drive a motor vehicle if we have had one drink of alcoholic beverage, or refuse to ride with any driver in a drinking condition. I urge every citizen to walk and drive with due caution during this dangerous period. It is our Christian duty to be our own policemen. If we all do this, I am confident that death, injuries, and human suffering will be reduced."

Colonel Allen further stated that State Troopers will be working at top strength during this holiday season for your protection. However, your personal safety will depend on your attitude and driving habits.

During the Christmas season, when our thoughts are turned to universal hope for peace on Earth and good will toward men, we, of the Department of Public Safety, wish for you and yours a safe and joyous Christmas season.

When a forest burns so does his food. Use fire carefully.

Registration is in progress and will continue through 19 December and will begin again on 28 December.

For more information about the program in person or by telephone to Mrs. McCushtian, Dr. Venable, Dr. Grimmer or Mr. Paul.

## Jackson Promoted To Commander In Naval Reserve



Pictured is Harry B. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Jackson of Opp, who was recently promoted to the rank of Commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

Commander Jackson is currently serving as Intelligence Officer of the Naval Air Reserve Staff based at the Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Ga. The staff is an arm of the nationwide naval air reserve manpower pool. He has been in the naval air reserve since July 1969 when he completed twelve years active naval service.

Employed as manager of Alabama and Mississippi for a life insurance company, the new commander resides with his wife, Nell, and three children, Alison, Beau and Julie, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

## Provisions For Medicare Being Offered Again

People who are 65 and haven't already signed up for Medicare medical insurance will be given another chance to enroll beginning January 1, 1972 according to Fred Foster, director of Medicare and the costs of many other medical services. Millions of people have found it an excellent buy. In fact, 95 percent of the people 65 or over have signed up for the protection it offers.

For those who already have the medical insurance, or Part B. It is not necessary to re-enroll.

For those wishing to apply for this coverage, it is very easy to do so. Just call the Dothan social security office by dialing the operator and asking for WX-6200. The form will be completed and mailed for signature.

Between October 1963 and September 1964, and who have never filed for this valuable protection, this will be their last chance. Foster stated that these who had previously had this coverage but had dropped it within the past three years may also re-enroll during this period, which runs from January 1, 1972 through March 31, 1972.

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UNDERGRADUATE TUESDAY AND THURSDAY				UNDERGRADUATE MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY			
NO	COURSE TITLE	QTR HRS	TIME	NO	COURSE TITLE	QTR HRS	TIME
123	General Studies in the Visual Arts	3	7:10-8:25	175	Principles of Management	5	5:00-7:05
161	Art for the Elem. Teacher	5	5:00-7:05	192	Principles of Accounting	5	7:10-9:15
175	Principles of Management	5	5:10-9:15	251	Principles of Economics	5	5:00-7:05
191	Principles of Accounting	5	5:00-7:05	261	Principles of Marketing	5	7:10-9:15
251	Principles of Economics	5	7:10-9:15	352	Corporation Finance	5	7:10-9:15
353	Money & Banking	5	7:10-9:15	355	Labor Economics	5	7:10-9:15
373	Punch Card Data Processing	5	7:10-9:15	356	Investments	5	5:00-7:05
395	Cost Accounting	5	5:00-7:05	358	National Income Theory	5	5:00-7:05
461	Salesmanship & Sales Mgt.	5	7:10-9:15	365	Business Statistics	5	7:10-9:15
471	Business Law	5	5:00-7:05	471	Business Law	5	7:10-9:15
473	Govt. Regulations	5	5:00-7:05	481	Methods and Materials for the Secondary History Teacher	5	5:00-7:05
482	Business Communications & Report Writing	5	7:10-9:15	102	Composition & Modern Eng. II	5	5:00-7:05
494	Income Tax Accounting	5	7:10-9:15	201	Masterworks of Eng. Literature	5	5:00-7:05
431	Cultural Hist. of Western Europe to 1900	3	7:10-8:25	244	English Master Writers	5	7:10-9:15
101	Comp. & Modern English I	5	5:00-7:05	341	Advanced Grammar & Composition	3	7:10-8:25
290	Classical Literature	5	5:00-7:05	402	Milton	5	5:00-7:05
101	Western Civilization I	5	5:00-7:05	102	Western Civilization II	5	7:10-9:15
201	U.S. To 1865	5	5:00-7:05	202	U.S. Since 1865	5	5:00-7:05
23	The Far East	5	7:10-9:15	333	The Soviet Union	5	7:10-9:15
344	The Age of Reason	5	5:00-7:05	402	Modern Europe from 1815-1900	5	5:00-7:05
411	Colonial America to 1763	5	7:10-9:15	413	U.S. 1815-1877	5	7:10-9:15
210	World Regional Geography	5	7:10-9:15	448	The Westward Movement	5	5:00-7:05
433	Comparative Government	5	5:00-7:05	404	Economic Geography	5	5:00-7:05
251	Foundations of Physical Ed.	5	5:00-7:05	351	International Relations	5	7:10-9:15
111	College Algebra	5	5:00-7:05	300	Sociology for Gen. Studies	5	5:00-7:05
124	Single Variable Calculus	5	7:10-9:15	112	Plane Trigonometry	5	7:10-9:15
131	Music in Individual Div.	3	7:10-8:25	122	Elem. Functions & Coord. Geom.	5	7:10-9:15
230	Introduction to Rehabilitation	5	7:10-9:15	132	Mathematics in Gen. Studies	5	5:10-7:05
300	Developmental Psychology	5	5:00-7:05	MUS	Private Inst. in Organ (day & time arranged)		
303	Educational Psychology	5	7:10-9:15	MUS	Private Inst. in Piano (day & time arranged)		
100	Human Biology	5	7:10-10:00	200	General Psychology	5	7:10-9:15
103	General Biology	5	7:10-10:00	304	Abnormal Behavior	5	7:10-9:15
233	Physical Science	5	5:00-7:05	402	Principles of Counseling	5	4:30-7:10
235	Geology	5	4:30-7:05	142	General Chemistry II	5	7:10-10:30
				252	General Physics II	4	5:10-7:05
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649	Theories & Techniques in Counseling	5	5:00-7:05	355	Labor Economics	5	5:00-7:05
610	Supervision in Education	5	5:00-7:05	643	Information Services in Guidance	5	5:00-7:05
660	Analysis of Current Issues in Ed.	5	7:10-9:10	644	Community Resources for Guidance	5	7:10-9:15
681	Curriculum Construction for	5	5:00-7:05	650	Practicum in Counseling	5	7:10-9:15
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531	Contemporary Problems in Biology	5	5:10-9:15	413	U.S. 1865-1877	5	7:10-9:15
575	Reading Instructions & Problems	5	5:00-7:05	448	The Westward Movement	5	5:00-7:05
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				402	Principles of Counseling	5	4:30-7:05
				636	Wechsler Scales	5	7:10-9:15

## State Troopers Investigate 169 Rural Accidents

The Alabama State Troopers investigated 169 rural traffic accidents statewide with 65 injuries and 10 fatalities from 6:00 p.m. Friday through 12 midnight Sunday. These occurred in the following counties: 2 in Jefferson, Blount, Mobile and 1 each in Tallapoosa, Conecuh, Montgomery and Henry County.

These accidents bring the number of people killed in rural Alabama traffic accidents this year to 831 compared with 828 killed during the same period last year for an increase of 3 fatalities.

Troopers of the Dothan District investigated 17 rural traffic accidents with 17 injuries and 1 fatality during this period. The Dothan District has 81 fatalities so far this year as compared with 53 at this same time last year.

Coffee County Troopers investigated 1 accident this weekend with 1 injury and no fatalities. So far this year 8 people have been killed in motor vehicle traffic accidents in this county as compared with 7 killed during the same period last year.

## Merchant Omitted From Donors List

The Elba Fire Department failed to list one of the merchants who donated to their annual candy drive this year. The M.A. Bradshaw Grocery on the Enterprise Highway was also a donor but was not listed. Members of the Fire Department regretted the error and chalked it up to human error.

## Christmas Decorations Contest Winners Announced

The annual Elba Christmas Lighting and Decoration Contest is over. The winners have been announced and the cash prizes will be mailed soon.

Winner in the over-all division was the home of Reverend and Mrs. Ed Sells on Highland Drive; second place went to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bostell on Sunset; third place was won by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Johnson, 1455 Smith Avenue. There were three honorable mentions, Ernest Reeves, Dr. James Clay and Charles Lewis.

The winner of the Door Decorations division was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Brown on Winston Street.



LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

## Greetings

Here's to a holiday merry and bright, with bells ringing, carol singing, greetings and greetings, gifts and gladness galore.

And here's to you! We sincerely wish you the season's best, and gratefully express our appreciation for your friendly patronage.

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## Approval Of Marketing Quotas Announced

Farmers have approved peanut marketing quotas, Leon Weeks, Chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, has announced.

The preliminary returns from the December 6-10 growers' referendum show favorable votes by 99 percent of the 494 peanut growers who voted. At least two-thirds of the growers voting had to approve marketing quotas in order for them to be in effect.

Approval of the quotas by peanut growers means that (1) acreage allotments and marketing quotas will be in effect for the next

## Christmas Service To Be Held At Methodist Church

A candlelight Christmas Eve service of carols and Holy Communion will be observed at the Elba United Methodist Church on December 24th at 7:00 p.m. The service is jointly sponsored by the First Baptist Church and the Methodist Church. The ministers of both churches will direct the service and the music

three crops years, (2) marketing penalties on peanuts grown in excess of the farm allotment will be in effect for the 1972, 1973, and 1974 crops, and (3) loans to growers who comply with their farm peanut allotments will be at the full level available under the law.

will be lead by Mr. Robert Hollman. The service will consist of familiar, inspiring passages of scripture and heartwarming carols of Christmas. The high point of service will be when families kneel around the altar for Holy Communion.

The public is invited to participate in this meaningful service.

Nests are always the first to go. Please use fire carefully.

WISH I'D SAID THAT

"The best advice for modern people, young and old, facing all sorts of propaganda, is the single word: think." — Joseph M. Shaw, Jr., Centre (Alabama) County Herald.

"We may become the first country in history where welfare checks are delivered by the butler." — Bill Trimble, President, Little Valley (N.Y.) The Hub.

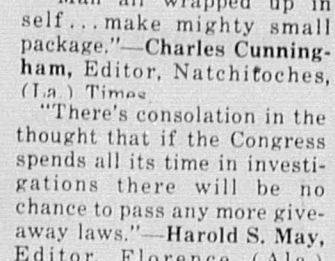
"Man all wrapped up in self... make mighty small package." — Charles Cunningham, Editor, Natchitoches, (La.) Times.

"There's consolation in the thought that if the Congress spends all its time in investigations there will be no chance to pass any more giveaway laws." — Harold S. May, Editor, Florence (Ala.) Herald.

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# EHS REPORT

## SENIOR OF THE WEEK



The students of Elba High School would like to congratulate Susan Danford, this week's "Senior of the Week". Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Danford. This year, Susan's subjects included Beowulf, Speech, Mythology, Physics, Democracy, and P.E. After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Alabama. Susan is a member of the Science Club, Treasurer of the Beta Club, and Secretary of the Beta Club. She is also Treasurer of the Beta Club.

## Happy Birthday, Jesus

Christmas these days is enough to make the joyous Saint Nick say, "Bah, Humbug!" Why should anyone worry about mailing 73 cards when everyone's only hoping to get one in return? And what about all the frustrated parents who are trying to please children with dolls that walk, talk, dance and play soccer, and with race cars that run up to 1/2 mile an hour and last a grand total of two hours after being turned on?

Ask a small child what Christmas is and he'll probably say, "The day Jesus and Santa Claus were born." Think about all the trees, green, silver, white, pink, and chartreuse that all decorated each year by fussing brothers and sisters instead of happy, joyous families. And what about all the turkey and goodies we eat while

## ON VIETNAM AND VEGETABLE

Numbers have dehumanized us. Over breakfast we read of 40,000 American dead in Vietnam. Instead of vomiting, we reach for the toast. Going to work or school in the morning is not to cry murder but to satisfy one's own selfishness.

An equation, 40,000 dead young men equals 3,000 tons of bone and flesh, 124,000 pounds of brain matter, 50,000 gallons of blood, 1,840,000 years of life that will never be lived, 100,000 children who will never be born. There are too many starving children anyway.

Do we scream in the night when it touches our dreams? No. We don't dream about it because we don't think about it. We are much more interested in law and order, so that American streets may be made safe while we transform those of Vietnam into flowing sewers of blood which we replenish each year by forcing our sons to choose between a prison cell here or a coffin there.

Every time I look at the flag, my eyes fill with tears. Mine too, if the dead mean nothing to us (except on Memorial Day weekend when the nation's swimmers, skiers, pinckers, campers, hunters, and footballers), what of our 300,000 wounded? Does anyone know where they are? How many are single or double amputees? How many will remain immobile for the rest of their days? How many hang on as brainless vegetables, quietly breathing their lives away in small dark, secret rooms?

Write the Army, the Air Force, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Army and Navy hospitals, the Veterans Administration, the Office of the Surgeon General, and be surprised by what you don't learn. One agency reports 736 admissions for amputation services since January, 1965. Another reports 3,011 amputees since the beginning of 1968. The rest is silence.

Either the Government doesn't believe amputees are important or in the words of a researcher for one of the national TV networks, "The military is sure of how many tons of bombs it has dropped, but not of how many arms and legs its men have lost."

If there are no concrete figures, at least, we are getting some comparative ones. Proportionally, Vietnam has given us 8 times more paralytic than World War II, 3 times as many totally disabled, and three more amputees. Would you believe that one out of every hundred army veterans receiving compensation for wounds in Vietnam is a per cent are totally disabled? Totally. No good to anyone except as an experimental curiosity.

But exactly how many hundreds of thousands of the dead

while living does that give us? We don't know. We don't ask. We turn away from them; we avert the eyes, ears, face. "Why should I look, it isn't my fault, was it? It was, of course, but no matter. Time presses. Death waits even for us. We have a dream to pursue, the whitest white hope of them all, and we must follow it and find it before the light falls. So long, losers. God bless. Take care. We'll be seeing you. Tony Martin



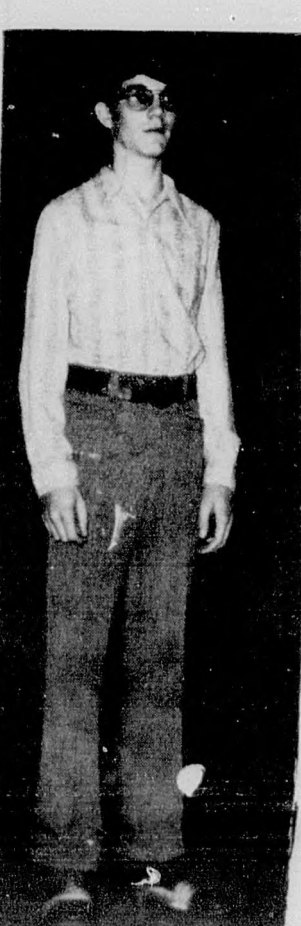
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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Our sincerest congratulations go to Jackie Brunson, elected Student of the Month. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brunson of Elba. Jackie is a sophomore this year. The courses he is taking are French II, Basic Composition, Algebra II, Typing, and World History. Jackie is the treasurer of the French Club, and is a member of the Science Club, Beta Club, and Band. During the football season, he was elected Bandman of the Week by the Band Council. After he graduates, Jackie plans to attend the University of Alabama. Jackie is a member of the First Baptist Church, and is a member of the Church Youth Choir. His main interests include pool, tennis, and hunting. Once again, the whole school congratulates Jackie Brunson on this great honor.

## Do You Know

Cus Jose  
Charlie Brown  
Cookie Bear  
Duke  
Rico  
Calbert  
Dufus  
Spudhead

## Those Were The Good Ole Days

Grade - Tenth  
College - Alabama  
Subject - ROTC  
Food - Steak

Surveys show that three are involved in less than one percent of all highway accidents. More than half the tires involved are bald.



"And, lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the Star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." So today, let the peace and joy of Christmas shine throughout our daily lives, bestowing the blessings of the season upon one and all. In the glad tradition of this most beloved holiday, we join in the wonder and rejoicing, and say a heartfelt "Merry Christmas" to our many good friends.

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## Famous Writers Find New Ways to Say, 'A Ryghte Merrie Chrystmasse Toe You'

Great writers of every age since medieval times have made contributions to the various expressions and phrases that are associated with Christmas.

Such expressions as, "A Ryghte Merrie Chrystmasse Toe You," have now become archaic and the spelling quaint. But the continued exchange of Christmas greetings over the years has had a strong influence in the

ing the traditional words, or greetings, associated with the season.

From the very beginning of greeting cards, prime importance was placed on the message itself. In fact, some of the earliest cards were simply greetings with sprigs or borders of holly on an otherwise plain card.

But then, as early as the 1800's in England and also in America, verses appropri-

ate to the season and composed by famous authors, were proving popular on Christmas cards.

One such poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow — with a portrait of the eminent gentleman — appears on one of the antiques in the Hallmark Historical Collection, a treasury of more than 50,000 greetings which provides a variety of the expressions of good cheer and Christmas wishes by famous writers over the years.

The age old message of the season is to be found in today's Christmas cards, expressed in poetry and prose by such outstanding literary figures of the past and present as William Shakespeare, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Sara Teasdale and more recently, T. S. Eliot, Archibald MacLeish, William Carlos Williams and the late Russian writer, Boris Pasternak.

The Christmas Pine Tree has been exempted for a greeting card which reads in part:

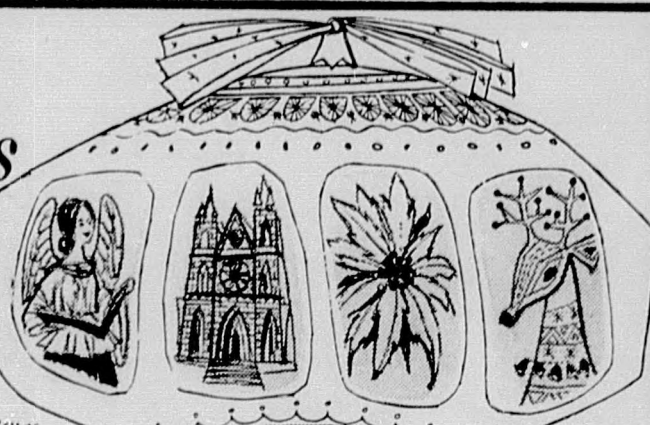
I love her to tears, at sight,  
from the first,  
As she comes from the woods  
in storm and snow,  
So awkward her branches, the  
sweetest of trees,  
We fashion her threads un-  
hurriedly, slow,  
Her garments of silver, green  
and blue,  
Patterns of tinsel, and span-  
gle and gold,  
From branch unto branch,  
down to the base,  
I love her to tears, from the  
first, so bright  
In a crowd of friends on  
"Christmas night,"  
Portions of Sir Walter  
Scott's "Marmion" have been  
used for still another Christ-  
mas card verse:  
"England was merry England

**Sincere  
Christmas  
Wishes**

Our heartiest  
greetings to  
all our friends and  
neighbors. May you  
enjoy a very Merry Christmas.

**Zack's  
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Zack Storey - Owner  
897-5616



## Carols Spring From Many Sources

From the first anglo chor-  
us, "Gloria to God in the High-  
est," the sound of voices raised  
in song and rejoicing for the  
birth of Christ swells across  
the ages. Today carols from  
many lands and many epochs  
fill the air at holiday time.

Sources of some carols are  
lost in the past, but many can  
be traced to interesting ori-  
gins.

"Silent Night"

A broken organ inspired  
"Silent Night." So that the  
people of the parish might  
have a song at Christmas,  
Father Joseph Mohr, an Aus-  
trian priest, wrote the carol,  
and his organist composed the

music. It was sung on Christ-  
mas Eve, 1818, to guitar ac-  
companiment.

"Deck the Halls"

Expressing the merriment  
of Christmas, "Deck the Halls"  
with Boughs of Holly" is an  
English carol set to an old  
Welsh air. It refers to such  
ancient traditions as the  
"blazing Yule" log.

"Adeste Fidelis"

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
or "Adeste Fidelis" may have  
been written by the 13th cen-  
tury writer and teacher, Saint  
Bonaventure, but its exact ori-  
gin is a mystery. There's no  
secret about its popularity to-  
day. It has been translated  
into 120 languages, and there  
are more than 40 English ver-  
sions.

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I want a bicycle  
Merry Christmas,  
Do you love me I love  
you Santa Claus  
I want a talking doll and  
Cinderella Watch,  
Idylla Rodinson

December 10, 1971  
Dear Santa, Claus,  
I am 7. Please try to  
get me a football, and a  
new watch, with holes and  
a Howl set, How How,  
Merry Christmas Santa  
Claus  
Eddie Arnold  
Santa Claus I Love You

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I like reindeer I like the  
nose, Ho Ho Ho? Santa,  
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**Happy Christmas**  
BY SCOTT MARTIN

Mary Scott put another pie in the oven. She planned to finish the preparations, even if some of the food were left over until Christmas of next year.

She had been upset since Fred had called so say one of the children had come down with the flu and they would not be coming for Christmas dinner.

Jack's situation was different after they had teenagers of their own. She planned to live a dozen miles away, then, everyone returned to the place they had always brought their families each Christmas.

She met Bill at the door. "Fred called. Tommy has the flu."

Bill put his arm around her shoulders. "Well, dear, then we'll just spend a quiet, happy Christmas just the four of us."

"Yes, it will be happy, family Christmas just the same. We can't do our visiting some time other than Christmas."

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The big man grasped Bill's hand. "Your name, sir?"

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The mayor raised his hands. "Ladies and gentlemen, step up. If you will and meet Mr. Bill Coleman. Mr. Coleman is passing through and we are most pleased to let us wish him a Merry Christmas."

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Carols ring out... gladness fills every heart and the air is alive with the lively spirit of the Christmas Season. May you enjoy all of it to the utmost!

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To our dear friends, neighbors and loyal patrons, we wish all the spirit and the joys of a good old-fashioned Christmas and extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your friendship.

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On the eve of His Birth, may the light of love and understanding shine upon you and kindle your heart with peace... and joy.

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**THE Christmas Tree...**

(author unknown)  
You come from a land where the snow lies deep  
In the forest, on mountain steep,  
Where the days are short, and the nights are long,  
And never a skylark sings his song.  
Haze you seen the wild deer in his mountain home  
And watched the descent of the brown pine cone?  
Do you miss the mist in the land of snow?  
Where none but the evergreen branches grow?  
Dear tree, we will dress you in robes so bright,  
That ne'er could be a prettier sight.  
In glittering balls and tinkled bells,  
And the star which the story of Christmas tells.  
On every branch we will place a light  
That will send its gleam through the starry night.  
And the little children will gather there,  
And carol their songs in voices fair.  
A lovely sight you will always be,  
You beautiful, beautiful Christmas tree.

**Kid Stuff**  
Billy came bounding in with a bad boy.

"A sister who is not going to be on that hill with your wild children. Mom, some of the kids are planning a sleigh ride. Chap-eroned. Billy Smith has asked me. Can I go?"

"When will it be?"

"Christmas night. Everyone agrees we should be with our families Christmas Eve and Christmas day."

The idea  
Later, as Mary was rearranging the lights on the Christmas tree, the words came back to her. "Everyone agrees we should be with our families Christmas Eve and Christmas day."

She had always been with her family, her entire family. That is the way it should be. There had never been a question, so long as mom had lived, as to where everyone would spend the holiday. But mom was gone. Fred and Jack would spend the Christmas with their wives and children. And come to think of it, Ann and Billy and she and Bill would spend theirs together.

Last Christmas had seemed like a dream. The most pleasant memory was the quiet hours the four of them had spent Christmas Eve, the walk through the snow to church, the children's delight upon discovering the presents under the tree when they returned home.

Mary suddenly realized that, even though she had been looking forward to seeing her two brothers and their families, she had, on one or more occasions, thought about the quiet hours her own family would share here.

**Burning the Log**  
Today's fireplace, though smaller in scale than those of yore, is still a symbol of the Christmas season. The Yule log was adapted to the Scandinavian practice of building huge bonfires at the winter solstice. Fire represented the spring sun, soon to return.

**Lighting the Tree**  
Martin Luther started the custom of lighting the tree, legend says.

To symbolize stars glowing forth on a snow-filled winter's night, he placed lighted candles on his family's traditional Christmas tree.

Jolly Santa, once transported only by reindeer-drawn sleighs, may now arrive by helicopter or jet plane. But in spite of changes, the essence of the season, the basic spirit of Christmas, stays the same.

Christmas is, above all, a time for togetherness and rejoicing. And a Christmas just like an old-fashioned Christmas, calls for gatherings of family and friends, with much merriment, fun and feasting.

Right now in this community, families are celebrating the holiday with just such gatherings, such merriment, fun and feasting.

Like families of yesteryear, they celebrate with gifts and greens, with the warmth of a glowing hearth and the gleam of a lighted tree, with stockings hung by the chimney with care and even, with candles, though these becken brightly from candleholders rather than from the tree.

All these ways of celebrating are part of the legend and lore of Christmas.

**Exchanging Gifts**  
Exchanging gifts at Christmas is one of the most time-honored of customs, and toys, dolls and games for the children have always ranked high on the gift list.

In the not-so-long-ago, however, just one important present—a doll for a little girl, perhaps, and a toy accordion for her brother—was all that youngsters might expect at Christmas.

Though Santa is more bountiful nowadays, the gifts he brings are like those of yesteryear in at least one way. They reflect the interests and fashions of their times.

Dolls, yesterday and today, dress in the favorite styles of the moment. Toys, too, show the influence of current events.

Toy racing cars, for instance, came in with the automobile, while today more complex types of wheel toys take advantage of modern technological developments.

**Using Greens**  
Use of greens and garlands to decorate for a festive season goes back a thousand years before the birth of Christ. The custom began with the ancient Egyptians. Many of the traditions of pagan festivals were later merged with the celebration of Christmas, and evergreens, because they stay green throughout the year, came to be regarded as the Christmas symbol of eternal life.

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**CHRISTMAS SALE**  
BY BILL BENNETT

Bill Coleman eased the pressure of his foot and watched the speedometer needle drop down to 35 miles-per-hour. Central City was probably a speed trap and he didn't want to get started off on the wrong foot.

Anyway, he mused, if I go too fast I might pass right through before I realize it.

Top-drawer inefficiency, Bill thought, to start a branch office in such a small town. And just his luck to draw the assignment. Exiled, and at Christmas, too.

He saw the faint flow of red in his mirror. Yep, he had guessed right. Cops. Good thing he wasn't speeding. Or was he? That guy had his strep on. He's tailgating me, signaling me to move over. Bill thought. "What the... brother, I couldn't have been doing over thirty. What's the limit in this burg, anyhow? I'll fight through every court in this state before I pay a cent."

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**CITY OF ELBA**  
TOM DYESS, CITY CLERK

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897-2705

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Frazer Ringsdorf Promoted By Firm In Turkey

Mr. John Frazer Ringsdorf, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf of Elba, has been promoted from Assistant Manager to the position of Manager, Gary Tobacco Company, Turkey. Mr. Ringsdorf was employed by the Gary Tobacco Company, the wholly owned subsidiary of Liggett and Myers Inc., in Izmir, Turkey after graduating from the University of Alabama in January, 1962. He and his family continue to reside in Izmir, Turkey.

## Johnson Drops Suit Against Cook Chevrolet

## Post Office To Be Closed For New Year's

The Elba Post Office will be open every day this week except Saturday, New Year's Day, On Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve, the post office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

## Gravel, Sand Spilling From Trucks Illegal

Alabama's state legislature has outlawed spilling from trucks loaded with gravel. The Governor signed the new law which makes it unlawful for persons to operate a vehicle loaded with gravel, rock, slag, bricks and other substances in a manner causing them to spill over the top or sides of the vehicle.

## Tax Assessor Plans Extra Opening Day

To Coffee County Property Owners, the office of the tax assessor will be open for those who have not made the assessment for this year according to the following schedule: At Elba, January 8, 1972; At Enterprise, January 15, 1972.

## Dorough Wins New Automobile

Mr. Wilbur Dorough of Elba, Alabama was the winner of the 1972 Buick given away by the American Oil dealers and Morgan Distributing Co., Inc., in this area. The participant in this area was Halley's Auto-Sav in Elba, Ala.

## Retailers Warned Of Price Posting Deadline

Dwight T. Baptist, District Director of Internal Revenue Service, today warned all retailers in Alabama that Price Commission regulations require them to post their base prices before January 2, 1972. Under these regulations every retailer must prominently in each department where the business making this information openly available to the public.

Those items for which base prices must be posted are determined by the retailers' total sales in their last fiscal year. Less than \$100,000. Those items that had the largest dollar sales volume during their last fiscal year, or those items that accounted for at least 50 percent of total dollar sales during that year, whichever is less. These retailers may consider themselves as a single department for the purpose of the base prices posting requirement.

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If you have not made this assessment it will certainly be to your advantage to do so prior to the third Monday in January.

Home from school for the Christmas holidays, a warm sun and gentle breeze lured the trio of youngsters to the bayou with cane fishing poles.

An old boat, sitting near the bank, beckoned as a comfortable seat. The little girls climbed into the boat, cast lines into the water about 9:45 a.m. and began waiting for the first strike.

Chattering and laughing they didn't notice the boat had slipped from the bank and was slowly drifting out into the water.

Fright, barely gripped the three-some when they noticed the boat had floated some 10 feet from the shore.

The thought of getting back to shore and safety apparently blocked out an idea of danger and the trio plunged into the dark waters of the bayou.

The girls floundered in the icy water for a few seconds before sinking to the bottom, approximately 10 feet below.

A frightened four-year-old sister of the Osborne girls, Tina, described the tragedy to sheriff's deputies. She had stayed on shore while her companions fished for the boat.

She said, "The water was very cold. I started to go help them but it was too cold and Melinda screamed 'go get granny'."



The Children's Choir from the Elba United Methodist Church brought Christmas cheer to many elderly persons on December 18th. The choir composed of children from the first through the sixth grades sang at the Elba Nursing Home at 1:00 a.m. and at the Wesley Manor Methodist Home for the Aged in Dothan at 2:30 p.m. The choir is directed by Mrs. W. T. Deupree and the accompanist is Mrs. Kenneth Baker.

## Kinston Bank Stock Sold To Rainer, Adams

Jack Rainer, President of Banker's Credit Life Insurance Company of Montgomery, and Dr. Ralph Adams, President of Troy State University, announced today that they are in the process of purchasing a controlling interest in the Kinston Bank.

In a telephone interview with a member of the Opp News Staff Rainer said that he and Dr. Adams were buying the stock belonging to C. Carroll Pierce and Cleve Pierce the major stockholders and of a number of smaller stockholders.

This will give them at least 50% of the stock owned by Rainer. Rainer said that he has been working with banks for a number of years and that he was impressed with the cleanliness, efficiency and rapid growth of the Kinston Bank.

Rainer stated that he and Dr. Adams did not plan any major expansion during the immediate future.

In each department during that year, whichever is less, in addition, these retailers must post base prices on all of their products which are not exempt from price regulations.

The important point for retailers to remember, Mr. Baptist said, is that base prices must be posted prominently in each department where the business making this information openly available to the public.

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## 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, When all through the house, The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave a lustre of midday to objects below;

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted and called them by name: "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen! To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, And to all a good-night!"

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